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# She's Still 'Breathless'

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When the Johnsonian whirlwind appointment approach struck yesterday, it left at least one stunned woman in its wake.

She is Dr. Penelope H. Thunberg, an international economist with the Central Intelligence Agency, nominated to fill a Republican vacancy on the Tariff Commission.

Her first knowledge of her new post came at 10:45 a.m. when she received a telephone call at the office. Three hours later she was in the room with the President, having her appointment announced on national TV.

"I felt I was in a totally disembodied state, up on a chandelier, looking down at someone else who was me," she said yesterday afternoon. "I'm still breathless."

Dr. Thunberg, a CIA employee since 1954, becomes the first woman on the 6-member commission in its 48-year history, and she has nothing but praise for Johnson's policy of "opening doors for women that have been, if not closed, only ajar."

A graduate of Brown University and Radcliffe College, she served as the sole international economist on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers when she

moved to Washington in 1956.

At the CIA she directs research on all economic aspects of Sino-Soviet bloc international activities, once commenting that her work there "is like economic research anywhere, except some of our sources are unorthodox."

The switch to tariff laws will not be a hard one, Dr. Thunberg maintains, as she has been in the field of international trade for 25 years: "It's not exactly new."

Dr. Thunberg, who lives in nearby Maryland, spends her spare time reading and hiking in the area. Her husband, Howard, works with the



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Last February she was one of six recipients of the Federal Women's Award, the highest

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